

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
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PECFA SITE FILE TRANSFERS

After the Governor signed the budget bill transferring more petroleum tank discharge sites from DNR to the Department of Commerce, the two agencies discussed options to streamline PECFA reviews by sharing staff resources and minimizing file transfers. We were told, however, that this would not meet the Legislative intent of transferring sites. Therefore DNR and Commerce will develop a schedule to transfer the affected site files. The Legislature's Joint Finance Committee hasn't yet taken up redistribution of the federal LUST grant between DNR and Commerce. Until the grant is reallocated between the agencies, the bulk of the federal staff funding remains with DNR, so all site files will not be transferred immediately. In the meantime, we have posted an Excel database list of sites under the jurisdictions of Commerce and DNR on our web site at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/cleanup/pecfa/index.html>

Over 4500 active sites were evaluated for transfer. About 1900 open sites were transferred to Commerce jurisdiction around December 1, giving Commerce a total of about 2800 active sites. DNR has about 1400 high risk sites, plus additional sites that include non-petroleum contamination. We are still confirming and correcting some of the site jurisdictions, so this list may change. The site owners on the list showing Commerce jurisdiction, and their consultants, will be notified when their hard copy files are transferred to Commerce. Prior to these file transfers, informational questions on these sites may still be directed to DNR project managers. DNR will refer regulatory approvals on those sites to the Department of Commerce. For new site investigation reports, send those that meet the criteria for Commerce jurisdiction directly to Commerce, and copy DNR on the transmittal letter so that we know remedial activities are underway. Site investigation reports that should still be sent to DNR are those that include any of these factors: 1) confirmed contamination in a water supply well above an NR 140 preventive action limit, 2) confirmed petroleum product with a thickness of .01 feet or more, 3) groundwater contamination above an NR 140 enforcement standard within 1000 feet of a public well, 4) groundwater contamination above an NR 140 enforcement standard within 100 feet of a private water supply well, and 5) groundwater contamination above an NR 140 enforcement standard in fractured bedrock. In addition, any site where petroleum contamination is co-mingled with non-petroleum contamination remains under the jurisdiction of DNR.

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